

Competition requires competitors to be alive. If the FCC lifts the dominant classification from the Local Exchange Carriers (Bells), it will limit competition to a duopoly consisting of a bell and a cable company. Competition in the American Telecom marketplace will not be incentivized, it will be torpedoed. ISPs and CLECs will die, consumers will be deprived of choice and the FCC will be wholly to blame for the travesty. DO NOT DO IT. Chairman Powell: Please do not sell out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country. The baby bells are least common denominator providers that can cater to least common denominator users; allowing ISPs to purchase access from Baby Bells ensures that the marketplace is open to competition and innovation, the latter of which is stifled by the baby Bell's least common denominator approach to broadband service.